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FROM PLANAGAN FOR CAGNE, OIM/SAD, ABU DHABI PLEASE PASS DUBAI

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SUBJECT: WATER RESOURCES TRADE MISSION-IRAQ

1. ADVANCE OFFICER PLANAGAN HAS COMPLETED ADVANCE ASSIGNMENT
FOR IRAQ PORTION OF TRADE MISSION, ABLY ASSISTED BY
USINT BAGHDAD STAFF. OFFICIAL SPONSORSHIP OF MISSION BY
IRAQI GOVERNMENT STILL PENDING, AND USINT HAS SENT NOTE
ASKING FOR RESPONSE BY DECEMBER 31.

2. PROPOSED SCHEDULE IN IRAQ FOLLOWS:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1977

2100 ARRIVE BAGHDAD FROM ABU DHABI VIA IA 116. MISSION
WILL BE MET BY USINT BAGHDAD STAFF AND ESCORTED TO
THE DAR-AL-SALAAM HOTEL VIA PREARRANGED TRANSPORTATION.
MISSION MEMBERS MAY ENCOUNTER DELAYS IN CLEARING
IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS. REMAINDER OF EVENING
FREE.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19
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0830-1000 BRIEFING ON IRAQ BY PRINCIPAL OFFICER
MARSHALL WILEY AND USINT COMMERCIAL ATTACHE
ALLEN KEISWETTER TO BE HELD AT USINT.

1030-1330 INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP APPOINTMENTS WITH

IRAQI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

1600-1800 INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP APPOINTMENTS WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF IRAQI PRIVATE SECTOR AND THIRD
COUNTRY ORGANIZATIONS.

1830 DEPART HOTEL FOR RESIDENCE OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER WILEY.

1900-2100 RECEPTION OF MISSION HOSTED BY PRINCIPAL OFFICER WILEY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

0900-1230 INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP APPOINTMENTS WITH
IRAQI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

1600-1900 APPOINTMENTS WITH IRAQI PRIVATE SECTOR
REPRESENTATIVES AND THIRD COUNTRY ORGANIZATIONS
WORKING IN IRAQ.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

0900 DEPART HOTEL FOR DAY LONG VISIT TO MAJOR IRAQI
WATER RESOURCE PROJECTS IN BAGHDAD VICINITY AND TOUR OF
BABYLON.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

0900-1330 INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP APPOINTMENTS WITH IRAQI GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS.

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1600-1900 FOLLOWUP PRIVATE SECTOR MEETINGS.

MISSION OFFICIALLY ENDS.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

MISSION MEMBERS DEPARTURE FROM BAGHDAD VIA
LH 609 AT 0800 AND OTHER FLIGHTS.

3. LEADING IRAQI BUSINESSMAN ABDUL WAHAB BUNNIA HAS
OFFERED TO HOST DINNER IN HONOR OF MISSION. USINT
BAGHDAD IN PROCESS OF CONFIRMING DATE FOR DINNER ON EVEING OF
EITHER 1/20, 1/21 OR 1/22.

4. HOTEL RESERVATIONS. WE HAVE CONFIRMED TWELVE SINGLE
ROOMS FOR MISSION MEMBERS AND ONE SUITE FOR MISSION DIRECTOR
FOR NIGHTS OF 1/18 - 1/22. SINGLE ROOM RATES ARE 8 IRAQI
DINARS PER NIGHT PLUS 10 PCT SERVICE. RATE FOR SUITE IS 15

IRAQI DINARS PLUS 10 PCT SERVICE. ROOM PRICES INCLUDE A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST. THE HOTEL DOES NOT ACCEPT ANY CREDIT CARDS. PAYMENT MUST BE IN CASH. APPROXIMATELY DOLS 3.40 US EQUALS 1 IRAQI DINAR.

5. BIC. BECAUSE WE EXPECT NEARLY ALL APPOINTMENTS TO TAKE PLACE IN IRAQI OFFICES, THERE WILL BE NO BUSINESS INFORMATION CENTER. THE DIRECTOR'S SUITE AND USINT OFFICES WILL BE USED FOR GROUP MEETINGS, AND THE HOTEL HAS AGREED TO ALLOW MISSION MEMBERS TO USE MEZZANINE LOUNGE GRATIS FOR ANY DISCUSSIONS THEY MAY WANT TO HOLD AT THE HOTEL. THE LOUNGE IS SECLUDED AND HAS AMPLE SPACE FOR PRIVATE MEETINGS. HOTEL WILL PROVIDE SERVICES FOR MEZZANINE.

6. STAFFING. BILINGUAL LOCAL COMMERCIAL STAFF OF USINT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT HOTEL AND USINT TO ASSIST WITH APPOINTMENTS, SCHEDULING AND TRANSPORTATION. WE ANTICIPATE NO NEED FOR HIRING INTERPRETERS OR SECRETARIES.
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MISSION WILL PAY FOR OVERTIME COSTS ONLY.

7. TRANSPORTATION. LEASED TASIX WILL BE REQUIRED FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM AIRPORT, RECEPTIONS AND ALL APPOINTMENTS AT MISSION MEMBERS EXPENSE. WE HAVE HIRED FOUR TAXIS AT COST OF 10 DINARS (DOLS 34) PER DAY PER TAXI. HOURS OF HIRE WILL COVER 0800-2000. AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF 2 DINARS PER HOUR WILL BE MADE FOR USE AFTER 2000. FOR TRIPS TO BABYLON, AN ADDITIONAL 5 DINAR FEE PER TAXI WILL BE CHARGED. THERE WILL ALSO BE AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF 2 DINARS PER CAR FOR AIRPORT TRIPS.

8. PUBLICITY. ADVANCE OFFICER HAS CALLED ON APPROPRIATE IRAQI GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES. NO OTHER PUBLICITY IS PLANNED.

9. BUDGET. THE BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR IRAQ FOLLOW:

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- 1) MISSION DIRECTOR'S SUITE FOR 4 NIGHTS DOLA 225
- 2) USINT LOCAL OVERTIME DOLS 400
- 3) MISCELLANEOUS INCLUDING INVITATIONS, PHONE CALLS, ETC. DOLS 100
- 4) BROCHURE REPRODUCTION DOLS 60

SUBTOTAL DOLS 785

HOSPITALITY.

1) MISSION RECEPTION DOLS 500

2) LOUNGE SERVICE DOLS 85

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SUBTOTAL DOLS 585

GRAND TOTAL DOLS 1,370

10. CATALOGS;BROCHURES. MISSION LITERATURE STILL NOT RECEIVED FROM FOLLOWING COMPANIES: AUREIMA, FORD STEEL, IONICS, JOHNS-MANVILLE, MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT AND SCHRAMM. ONLY ONE COMPLETE CATALOG RECEIVED FROM NATGUN. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE LOCATE TM BROCHURES LOST BY SAUDIA AIR AND NEW BROCHURES WILL BE MADE UP IN BAGHDAD FOR IRAQ.

11. PLANAGAN PLANS DEPART BAGHDAD FOR LONDON VIA IA 237 ON 12/22.

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